



New Haven Democracy Fund

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DEMOCRACY FUND BOARD MEETING

5:15 Wednesday January 2, 2019

New Haven City Hall – 165 Church Street

Second Floor, Mayor's Meeting Room #2

New Haven Democracy Fund Board:

Sergio Rodriguez, Chair

William Wynn

Jack Paulishen

James O'Connell

(Three Seats Vacant)

Democracy Fund Administrator: Alyson Heimer

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order & Attendance. Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

Administrator's Report

A) The 2019 Disbursements Calendar.

2019 Primary and General Election paperwork (to be approved) was presented to the Board for their approval.

The question was raised by Heimer to change the disbursement calendar to include the first quarter of the campaign cycle's year. The calendar has previously started following the first SEEC filing deadline, but that would postpone any payments to a qualifying campaign until April. It is the Board's intention to always make the process easy for campaigns and increase our flexibility to ensure maximum program participation. O'Connell motioned to have the disbursement calendar run February to November with grants available by February 1st 2019. Approved unanimously.

O'Connell motioned to change the 60 day rule for the general election top have the deadline be September 13 not September 6, so accommodate the primary election calendar. Unanimously approved.

B) 2018 Annual Report Status

The Annual Report will be distributed to members by email and then a decision on the January meetings necessity will be held.

C) Candidate Outreach

Digital filing is allowed for the 2019.

One initial planning meeting will be held for all candidates and campaigns involved in the municipal election. There will be availability to ask questions outside of that setting.

Standard presentation of information for the public, candidate group meeting. One mandatory meeting before the primary, before the general.

D) Legislative Update

Administrator was tasked with determining how best to close the exploratory committee loophole. (She

5. Report from the Chair

2019 Election Season Comments -The Board is looking forward to a good cycle. Success would be to have a campaign use the Fund during this election cycle. The board stands by the mission of the fund: Counter the perception that New Haven's public policy is influenced by campaign contributions and ensure that all citizens of New Haven have a fair and meaningful opportunity to participate in the electing of their mayor.

O'Connel Motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm.